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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON ROC SECRET REPROCESSING

1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE APPEARANCE IN THE PRESS OF CLASSIFIED RAW INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ABOUT CLANDESTINE REPROCESSING ON TAIWAN. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THESE PRESS STORIES WERE NOT INSPIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WE KNOW THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE POST STORY SPOKE TO MANY OFFICIALS AT ERDA, ACDA, THE NSC AND THE DEPT, AND POSSIBLY OTHER AGENCIES IN PREPARING THIS STORY. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE THE LEAK OCCURRED, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE IT WAS IN THE DEPT OR THE NSC.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN A FORMAL ASSESSMENT OF THE INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING CLANDESTINE REPROCESSING,
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SOME USG ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT SOME REPROCESSING HAS

OCCURRED. INR IS IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING A COORDINATED INTER-AGENCY ASSESSMENT AND WE WILL SHARE IT WITH YOU AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

3. THE APPLICATIONS FOR EXPORT LICENSES FOR TAIPOWER REACTORS NO. 5 AND NO. 6 HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SINCE FEBRUARY. THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NRC ON SUCH LICENSES. THE PROCESS IS NORMALLY A TIME-CONSUMMING ONE. NO CONSCIOUS DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCIES TO DELAY THAT PROCESS. THUS FAR, CONCURRENCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL AGENCIES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ERDA AND ACDA. WE HAVE LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT STORIES, BOTH ERDA AND ACDA ARE RELUCTANT TO CONCUR IN AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH RECOMMENDATION TO THE NRC FOR APPROVAL OF THE LICENSES, UNTIL THE UNCERTAINTIES RAISED BY THE INTELLIGENCE ABOUT CLANDESTINE REPROCESSING ARE SATISFACTORILY ANSWERED. WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THE ROC IS PRESSING FOR AN EARLY APPROVAL OF THESE LICENSES.

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